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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY MADRID

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: US, SP, MASS

SUBJECT: SPANISH INTEREST IN F-18

1. DEPARTMENT DECIDED MAY 16 TO RELEASE F-18A AND F-18L
DATA TO SPAIN, BUT UNDER CONDITIONS SET OUT IN LETTERS
FROM PM/MC TO MCDONNELL DOUGLAS AND NORTHROP, RESPECTIVELY
(SEE PARA 3 BELOW).

2. RESPONDING TO EARLIER INQUIRY FROM AMBASSADOR ROVIRA,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST ON MAY 16 INFORMED ROVIRA OF
DECISION, USING FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

-- THE FINAL DECISION ON PRODUCTION AND ACQUISITION
FOR US FORCES OF THE F-18A IS PENDING BEFORE CONGRESS.
THUS, THE USG ITSELF CANNOT PROVIDE ANY DETAILED
INFORMATION ON COST, AVAILABILITY, OR SUPPORTABILITY.
AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE F-18L WILL NOT BE OPERATIONALLY
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DEPLOYED BY US FORCES.

-- TO BE RESPONSIVE TO SPANISH DESIRES AND IN KEEPING
WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE TREATY, HOWEVER, THE USG HAS
AUTHORIZED THE CONTRACTORS, MCAIR AND NORTHROP, TO PROVIDE
TECHNICAL DATA AND BRIEFINGS ON BOTH THE F-18A AND L TO
SPAIN.

-- A FINAL USG DECISION ON EXPORT SALE OF F-18S HAS
ALSO NOT BEEN MADE.

3. THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS SENT MAY 18 BY MUNITIONS
CONTROL TO NORTHROP:

REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION OF
JULY 26, 1977 FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE LICENSE TO
RELEASE TECHNICAL DATA ON THE F-18L TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF SPAIN.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS APPROVED YOUR APPLICATION
AND ENCLOSES HERewith LICENSE NO. C-04109 SUBJECT TO THE
STATED CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS. ALTHOUGH THE AIRCRAFT
IS NOT IN THE INVENTORY OF US FORCES, THE RELEASE OF
TECHNICAL DATA IS AUTHORIZED AS A ONE TIME EXCEPTION TO
POLICY BECAUSE OF ARTICLE V OF SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT 7
US-SPANISH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHEREIN
THE US GOVERNMENT AGREED TO FACILITATE THE ACQUISITION OF
ADVANCED AIRCRAFT BY THE SPANISH AIR FORCE. THIS LICENSE
PERTAINS ONLY TO TECHNICAL DATA, INCLUDING BRIEFINGS
THEREON, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
RELEASE OF PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATA. THE US GOVERNMENT
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HAS NOT MADE A DECISION ON EXPORT SALE OF THE AIRCRAFT AND
ANY REQUEST FOR SALE WILL REQUIRE INTERAGENCY REVIEW.

4. SAME LETTER SENT TO MCDONNELL DOUGLAS, EXCEPT FOR
F-18A, WITH DATE OF APPLICATION JULY 22, 1976, AND
LICENSE NUMBER C-03456. VANCE

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